

TELLING OF THE PAST

Links And Memories

OLDEN LIMERICK SHOP SIGNS

Links and memories that tell us of the past are of perennial interest. Many of them are admirably served up in the latest number of the North Munster Antiquarian Journal, just issued by the Thomond Archaeological Society.

The custom of numbering business houses in Limerick began in the beginning of the nineteenth century. Up to then shop-signs were used and were fairly common as late as about 1820. Even at the beginning of the present century there were quite a number of signs in existence, as the Kettle over Newsoms or the Teapot over Jacobs. These facts are pointed out in a lengthy and very interesting article appearing in the Journal from the pen of Mr. Robert Herbert, City Librarian.

THE "GOLDEN BOTTLE."

The signs used, as was quite natural, had special reference to the particular business carried on. A "Golden Bottle," for instance, intimated to all and sundry that one Francis Yeamans, who flourished in 1749, carried on the business of wine merchant. Mr. Herbert deals with seventy-six signs, giving a great deal of interesting information as to the persons who used them and the class of business they carried on. In a reference to World's End, well-known to all visitors to Castleconnell, Mr. Herbert incidentally mentions that he was told the name was a corruption of Worrall's Inn, from the man who once owned the house in which Mr. Enright now lives.

"If this is so," he comments, "the tradition must be a very old one, as it was owned in 1824 by a Capt. Eyre Powell, and was then known as World's End."

INTERESTING AND ENLIGHTENING.

This particular issue of the North Munster Antiquarian Journal is in general a very interesting and enlightening number.

Rev. John Ryan, S.J., D.Litt., deals with the O'Briens in Munster after Clontarf, throwing some very useful light on the period which his contribution covers. In an illustrated article, Mr. J. N. A. Wallace describes a carved stone monumental pillar at Bantry, Co. Cork, and does so in his usual competent and thorough manner. West Limerick Gaelic Poems,

FATAL SHOOTING

Recent Abbeyfeale Tragedy

ACCUSED UNFIT TO ATTEND COURT

The Christmas Eve tragedy in which a 20 years old Abbeyfeale man, James D. Collins, was killed by a shot fired through the window while he sat reading a paper in his father's kitchen had a sequel at Shanagolden Court to-day, before District Justice Kenny, B.L., when Laurence O'Connor, Abbeyfeale East, was charged with the murder of James D. Collins, Abbeyfeale East, on 24th December.

MENTAL CONDITION OF ACCUSED.

Supt. T. Mulcahy mentioned that he had already made a deposition in the case and added: "I got a certificate to-day from the doctor of the prison to say that in his opinion the defendant is unfit to attend Court owing to his mental condition, and on that certificate I will ask for a further remand under Section 20 (Sub-Section 1) of the Criminal Justice Act, 1914."

Supt. Mulcahy asked the Justice if it would be necessary to make a further deposition in the case.

Justice—You had better make a further deposition.

UNFIT TO ATTEND COURT.

Supt. Mulcahy then deposed that he had on that date received a certificate from Dr. H. G. Roche-Kelly, Medical Officer of Limerick Prison, in which the doctor stated his opinion that owing to the mental condition of O'Connor he was unfit to attend Court on that date.

Supt. Mulcahy asked for a remand to the District Court to be held at Abbeyfeale on 14th inst.

The Justice granted the remand to Abbeyfeale Court as requested.

STATEMENT AT INQUEST.

At the inquest, it will be recalled, Denis W. Collins, father of the dead man, stated that he did not know of any reason for the shooting.

On 31st December Laurence O'Connor, aged about 50 years, a civil bill officer, was taken into custody.

At a Peace Commissioners' Court subsequently it was revealed by Supt. Mulcahy that accused had made a statement.

HELD IMPORTANT POSTS

DEATH OF MR. JAMES D.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

County Health Board Accounts

PERIOD OF NINE HALF YEARS

Nine half-years up to 30th Sept., 1940, are covered in the report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts of the Limerick Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance.

In the public assistance section receipts and payments on revenue account in respect of each half year are tabulated, together with the corresponding bank balances.

Receipts (including demand on County Council) for the first half year under review to the 30th Sept., 1936, were £34,693 14s. 11d. and payments amounted to £33,927 17s. 7d. The credit bank balance was £1,476 11s. 11d. The highest credit bank balance for the period is shown at £2,921 7s. 7d. for the half year ended 30th September, 1937.

FIRST DEBIT BALANCE.

The first debit balance occurs for the half-year ended 30th Sept., '39, and is shown at £2,384 0s. 7d. In the following half year it amounted to £4,537 7s. 7d.

In the concluding half year ended 30th Sept., 1940, the receipts (including demand on Co. Council) were £42,864 3s. 1d. and payments amounted to £40,962 13s. 3d. The debit bank balance amounted to £2,635 17s. 2d.

In addition payments totalling £7,359 19s. 5d. were made out of capital account.

Murroe dispensary, adds the report, is the property of the Board and the title thereto should be registered in the name of the Board.

Home assistance paid to recipients during the financial years, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941, amounted to £16,259 4s. 5d., £16,006 12s. 11d., £16,678 1s. 11d., £17,603 18s. 4d., and £18,603 9s. 6d. respectively.

* EFFICIENT SUPERVISION.

The supervision of Home Assistance was efficiently carried out by the Superintendent, H.A.O., Mr. Clifford.

In the Public Health section receipts, payment and bank balances for each half year are also set out. For the half year ended 30th Sept., 1936, the receipts (including demand on County Council) amounted to £30,816 1s. 7d., payments were £32,483 10s. 8d. and the credit bank balance was £6,539 6s. 9d. For the last half year under review (30/9/40) receipts totalled £42,983 18s. 6d.; payments, £43,767 3s. 6d.